

Figure 2.19

Evergreen Geographic Area

8,552 NFS Acres 1,037 Non-NFS Acres 9,589 Total Acres

Management Area Prescription Allocation

1.3 - Backcountry Recreation
3.5 - Forested Flora or Fauna Habitats-Limited Management
7.1 - Intermix






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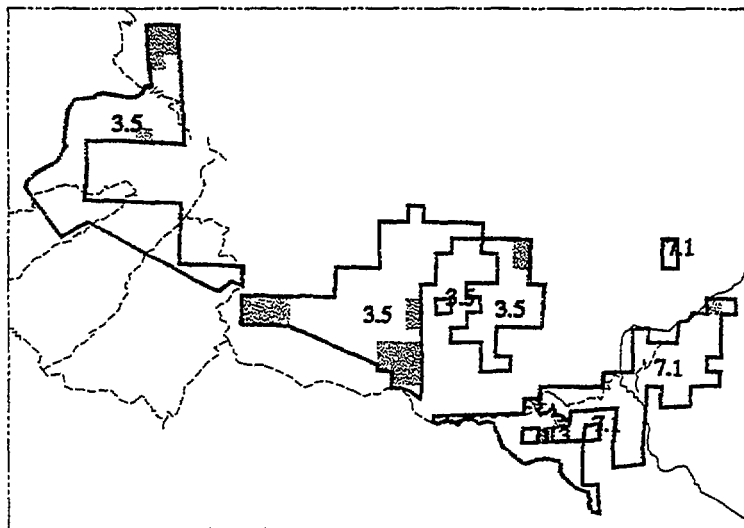
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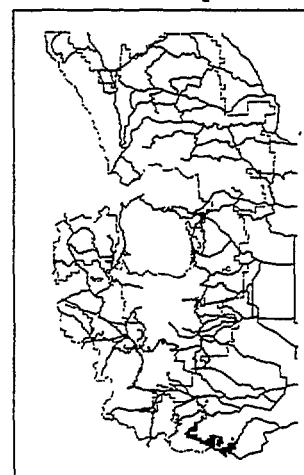
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Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (0.00 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000
0 1
Miles



EVERGREEN GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Setting

The area consists of several small blocks of National Forests lands between the Evergreen residential area and Mount Evans Wilderness. A portion of the area is adjacent to the Mount Evans State Wildlife Area, managed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The topography is rolling hills and lower slopes of mountains, with elevations ranging from 7,700 feet to 11,000 feet. Vegetation consists of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir in the lower elevations, and lodgepole pine, spruce, and fir above 9,000 feet. A small component of aspen occurs throughout the area.

Adjacent private lands are being developed rapidly for residential and commercial purposes. Urbanization of the Evergreen area is creating fragmented and less effective wildlife habitat, so the National Forests lands have become important habitat, particularly as winter range for elk and mule deer. The Forest lands provide open space and receive a high level of dispersed recreational use from the residents of the expanding metropolitan area.

Several county and state roads, including Colorado Highway 73, provide access to the area. The Mount Evans State Wildlife Area road provides access to the western block of the area, and is closed to all use through the winter months. Several trailheads and nonmotorized trails provide access into and through the area. These trails provide important access to the east side of the Mount Evans Wilderness Area, as most of the trails continue into the wilderness area.

Goals and Desired Conditions

Manage vegetation to increase, improve, and sustain wildlife habitat for elk and mule deer and to reduce fuel loading and spreading rates of wildfire. Limited timber harvesting is tentatively suitable and not available in this area. Improve habitat for elk and mule deer by increasing the acreage of aspen and ponderosa pine stands and rejuvenating meadows, shrubland, and winter forage species. Utilize prescribed fire, limited timber harvest, and mechanical treatments. Protect elk calving areas, which may involve seasonal closures from recreational use. Perform habitat improvements in conjunction with plans and activities of Colorado Division of Wildlife.

The wildland fire management strategy is direct control in proximity to residential areas and perimeter control in areas adjacent to the Mount Evans State Wildlife Area. Improve the ability to control wildfires in those portions adjacent to residential development by reducing fuel loading and creating fuel breaks through prescribed fire and limited timber harvest.

Emphasize nonmotorized recreational opportunities including hiking and mountain biking, by developing additional nonmotorized trails, including loop trails. Provide additional trailhead facilities and improve existing facilities. Acquire trail rights-of-way across Mount Evans State Wildlife Area and expand partnership agreements with the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Reduce sedimentation and erosion from roads to improve soil and watershed conditions, in coordination with Jefferson County and Clear Creek County.

Pursue public access to areas in the vicinity of Cub Creek, Yankee Creek, and Indian Creek. Consolidate landownership patterns to improve management efficiency and effectiveness by considering both acquisition of private lands and disposal of isolated tracts of National Forests lands that do not contribute to meeting area goals. Continue to permit existing recreation residences.

Travel Management Strategy, Evergreen Geographic Area

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
1.3	4WD	N	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	Y	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N
3.5	4WD	Y	N	N	N	L
	MTR	Y	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	L	N
7.1	4WD	Y	N	N	N	L
	MTR	Y	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	Y	Y	M	N
	NMT	Y	Y	Y	M	N

